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NOW.

YOU KNOW... I THINK I WAS ONLY IN THIS ROOM ***ONCE*** WHEN FATHER WAS STILL ALIVE. LOOKS EXACTLY THE SAME.

WHATEVER, DON.

HOW MUCH LONGER YOU GONNA JUST ***SIT*** THERE, MIKEY?

UNTIL I'M ***DONE***, THAT'S HOW LONG.

STOP TALKING.

RAPH'S RIGHT--YOU'RE ***WASTING TIME***, MIKE! WHY HAVEN'T YOU PRESSED THE ATTACK AGAINST HIROTO YET?

YOU GUYS CAUGHT HIM ***COMPLETELY*** OFF GUARD. YOU'VE GOT THE ADVANTAGE!

TELL ME SOMETHING I ***DON'T*** KNOW, LEO.

WELL, ***I*** KNOW WHY YOU'RE JUST SITTING IN THIS ROOM. YOU'RE THE SOLE SURVIVOR--THE ***LAST*** OF US. THAT'S A HEAVY BURDEN TO BEAR.

PAINFUL, TOO.

SERIOUSLY?! ***THAT'S*** WHY YOU'RE HAVIN' SECOND THOUGHTS? ***HA!***

I ***KNEW*** YOU WEREN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE THIS. NEVER WERE.

WAY TO LET US ***ALL*** DOWN, MIKE.

GO TO HELL, RAPH! I WISH I COULD BRING YOU BACK JUST SO I COULD ***KILL*** YOU MYSELF!

AND I KNOW ***DAMN WELL*** WHAT I GOTTA DO...

...***FINISH THIS!***

END THIS INSANITY!

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"THE LAST RONIN"

AFTER ALL THIS TIME, COMING BACK AND FINDING ***APRIL*** ALIVE... ***CASEY MARIE*** AND THE REBELS--

--SEEING HOW THEY'RE FIGHTING AGAINST THE FOOT AND THAT BASTARD HIROTO... ALL THEIR ***SACRIFICES***...

IF I FAIL NOW, MORE OF 'EM ARE GONNA DIE... MAYBE ***ALL***.

NICE SPEECH, BUT I AIN'T BUYIN' IT.

SOMETHIN' AIN'T ***RIGHT*** WITH YOU.

THE ONLY THING THAT ISN'T RIGHT IS THAT EMPTY SPACE BETWEEN YOUR EARS, RAPH.

YEAH--CAN IT, RAPH. YOU'RE ***NOT*** HELPING.

SO, OKAY... WHAT'S THE ATTACK PLAN, MIKE?

I SAY ANOTHER FULL-FRONTAL ASSAULT, LIKE ON STOCKMAN'S COMPOUND--THAT WORKED OUT PRETTY GOOD.

IF IT AIN'T BROKE, WHY ***FIX*** IT?

MAN, YOU GUYS SURE LIKE YAPPING MORE THAN YOU DO LISTENING.

AND I'M GETTING SICK AND TIRED OF ***REPEATING*** MYSELF.

I WANT YOU ALL TO STOP TALKING...

...***NOW***.

RIGHT. YOU'D BE LOST ***WITHOUT*** US.

NO. NO, I WOULDN'T.

IT'S WORSE ***NOW*** THAN WHEN YOU WERE ALIVE... CONSTANTLY TELLING ME WHAT TO DO.

AND WHAT DO I HAVE TO SHOW FOR ALL YOUR ORDERS AND KNOWLEDGE?

THIS!

THIS IS ***ALL*** THAT'S LEFT.

THAT'S LOW, MIKE. WE ***ALL*** DID OUR PART.

YEAH. AND TO US, IT WAS ***EVERYTHING.***

STINKIN' UNGRATEFUL JERK.

I KNOW WHAT YOU DID! I LIVE WITH IT EVERY DAMN DAY, AND I'VE HAD ***ENOUGH!***

LEAVE ME!

LEAVE NOW AND ***NEVER*** COME...

...BACK.

FINALLY.

"TOO MANY ***INNOCENTS*** ARE GETTIN' HURT..."

FWUP

...WITH THE SYNJAS OFFLINE, THERE'S FREAKIN' LOOTERS ***EVERYWHERE.***

NOT EXACTLY THE REBELLION WE WERE ***HOPIN'*** FOR, HUH?

THERE'S JUST NOT ***ENOUGH*** OF US.

WE'RE TRYING TO ESTABLISH A ***ROUGH NETWORK*** WITH THE RESISTANCE COMMUNITY LEADERS ON THE OLD LANDLINES. IF WE CAN GET THEM TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR SECTIONS, WE'LL HAVE A SERIES OF SAFE ZONES TO ***FIGHT BACK*** FROM...

"...HOPEFULLY ***BEFORE*** IT'S TOO LATE."

YO! FORGET THE STUPID REBELLION!

LET'S ***BURN*** THIS MOTHER TO THE GROUND!

DAMMIT!

MOB MENTALITY'S LIKE A STINKIN' ***VIRUS!***

OKAY. JUST... GET BACK TO WORKIN' ON THE COMMS AND WE'LL PLAN FROM THERE.

HIROTO'S STILL GOT THE ***HIGH GROUND***, AND IF HE GETS STOCKMAN'S POWER BACK ONLINE, WE'RE TOAST.

CASEY, WE JUST GOT WORD...

...THE POWER OUTAGE IS CAUSING ***FLOODING*** IN THE SEWERS.

OH NO... ***THE LAIR.***

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU STILL CAN'T REACH STOCKMAN?!

THE ENTIRE CITY WILL BE TRYING TO CLAW THEIR WAY IN HERE *ANY* MINUTE!

THIS DISPLEASES ME *GREATLY!*

HRGGK!

MASTER, I--

SILENCE!

CRAK

QUIT GAWKING LIKE FOOLS AND GET MY SYSTEMS BACK ONLINE *NOW!*

PUT *ALL* MY SOLDIERS ON *FULL* TACTICAL ALERT! HALF TO *GUARD* THIS LEVEL, HALF TO *CRUSH* THOSE BLASTED REBELS!

NO MERCY!

THIS ENDS *HERE* AND *NOW!*

AND BRING ME MY *ARMOR*...

"... I'M GOING TO HUNT AND KILL A *MUTANT!*"

MOM!

THIS IS SOOOO **NOT** GOOD.

NEVER SEEN THE WATER THIS DEEP DOWN HERE.

MOM! SENSEI!

WHERE **ARE** YOU GUYS?!

WAITASEC--

SPLINTER'S JOURNAL?

SENSEI WOULDN'T JUST LEAVE IT **LYING AROUND** LIKE THIS.

WHAT THE HELL'S GOIN' ON?

CASEY?!

MOM!

DOWN HERE.

THE POWER SYSTEM FAILURES KNOCKED OUT THE WATER PUMPS.

THESE ARE **HISTORY**. I'VE NEGLECTED THEM FOR TOO LONG...

...THEY'RE RUSTED **SHUT.**

HELP ME UP, KIDDO.

WHERE'S SENSEI?

HE'S... MIKEY'S *NOT* HERE, CASEY. HE LEFT.

I'M SORRY.

AND YOU JUST *LET HIM* GO?!

DAMMIT!

CASEY MARIE JONES! STOP IT!

YOU'LL *HURT* YOURSELF!

KRSSH

WILL I? WILL I *REALLY*, MOM?!

I *KNOW* I'M DIFFERENT! I'VE KNOWN FOR A *LONG* TIME! JUST LIKE THEM...

...A *MUTANT!*

WHAT? HEY... NO. HE DIDN'T EVEN SAY GOODBYE TO *ME.*

I WENT TO ASK HIM TO HELP WITH THE PUMPS AND HE WAS *ALREADY* GONE.

CASEY, I... YES. YES, IT'S *TRUE.*

YOUR DAD'S AND MY LONG-TERM EXPOSURE TO MUTAGEN, IT... I THINK IT *INFECTED* US.

THEN, WHEN I WAS PREGNANT WITH YOU, YOUR DNA WAS CHANGED... *MUTATED.*

WHEN WERE YOU GONNA *TELL* ME?

YEARS AGO. NEVER. I DON'T KNOW. I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO FACE IT.

THEN *MIKEY* SUDDENLY SHOWED UP AGAIN, AND--

AND NOW HE'S OUT THERE FIGHTING. FOR US.

US?

LOOK--LONG BEFORE I MET THE TURTLES, LONG BEFORE YOU WERE BORN, THIS *WAR* WAS HAPPENING.

AND THEY TRAINED THEIR ENTIRE LIVES TO *END* IT.

IT'S THEIR FAMILY'S DESTINY, CASEY, AND MIKEY NEEDS TO FINISH IT *HIS* WAY.

THE *HELL* WITH THAT!

YOU SAID IT, MOM--THEY'RE A PART OF US... IN OUR BLOOD... LIKE FAMILY. *MY* FAMILY.

I'M IN THIS FIGHT TO THE END.

A FEW BORROWED AND WELL-PLACED THERMITE GRENADES...

WHA--?

AMUNITION

K-CHAK

K-CHAK

K-CHAK

DANG

...AND I'VE GOT THE ***DIVERSION*** I NEED TO QUICKLY ACCESS THE UPPER LEVELS... AGAIN.

WITH THE SYNJAS OUT OF COMMISSION, SHOULD JUST BE FOOT REGULARS STANDING IN MY WAY NOW. TIME TO FIND OUT HOW WELL TRAINED THEY--

BLAM

HOLY HELL!

SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS!

BA-DOOM

MY "SMALL" DIVERSION JUST SHOOK THE WHOLE DAMN BUILDING.

SO MUCH FOR SURPRISES...

...HIROTO ***KNOWS*** I'M HERE NOW.

SO... THE MUTANT DARES ***ANOTHER*** DIRECT ASSAULT?

"THE FOOL."

FIGHT-OR-FLIGHT TIME, HIROTO.

PLEASE...

...LET IT BE *FIGHT.*

I WAS RIGHT--NO MINDLESS ROBOT ASSASSINS THIS TIME. NO FLYING MOUSERS.

JUST FOOT GRUNTS WITH A FEW ELITE MIXED IN.

HUMANS WITH HUMAN REACTIONS.

A FAIR FIGHT.

WELL...

...ALMOST.

WITH THE SYNTHETIC HYBRIDS HANDLING ALL THE ENFORCEMENT FOR THE LAST FEW DECADES, THESE HUMAN SOLDIERS HAVE BECOME SOFT.

THEY'VE LOST THEIR FIGHTING EDGE... ALONG WITH THEIR LOYALTY.

I CAN SEE IT IN THEIR EYES...

...THEIR MASTER'S NOT *WORTH* DYING FOR.

ON SECOND THOUGHT...

...*THIS* ONE LOOKS PRETTY LOYAL. BIG AS HELL, TOO.

AND HE'S THE ONLY THING BLOCKING MY WAY TO THE TOP FLOOR.

LET'S SEE WHAT HE'S GOT.

FLASH-BANGS.

BOOM

BOOM

HARD TO STRIKE BACK WHEN YOU'RE DEAF AND BLIND.

CONCUSSION BLAST TO OPEN THE DOOR.

WHUMP

THE PERFECT BATTERING RAM.

FWAK

SWSH

GRAH!

WHOA.

BIG GUY'S FAST.

AND WAY TOO DANGEROUS AT THIS DISTANCE.

KSSH

TIME TO GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL.

SHNK

GLRGK!

TIME TO *END* THIS.

TIME FOR THE *REAL* FIGHT.

OROKU HIROTO!

I'M HERE! WHAT ARE YOU *WAITING* FOR?!

HOLD ON--CROWS ATTACKING ON COMMAND?

CAW

CAW

SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.

CAW

KANG

MORE *SYNTHETICS.*

MUST BE ON A SEPARATE CONTROL SYSTEM FROM STOCKMAN'S.

DOESN'T MATTER. JUST MORE COWARDLY GADGETS.

KZAK

EMP SHOULD TAKE 'EM OUT.

I'M *SICK* OF YOUR CHILDISH GAMES AND LITTLE-BOY TOYS, HIROTO.

COME FACE ME LIKE A *MAN!*

SWAP

GAH!

REEEKKK!

CRAK

UNHH!

WHOOOA!

OLD-SCHOOL ROBOTICS.

LIKE A TANK WITH WINGS.

THAT HURT.

NNNG...

HNFF!

SMSH

ANOTHER HIT, I'M *DEAD*.

NEED SOMETHING BIG...

...TO PUT IT OUTTA *MY* MISERY.

GRAHH!

SKREE

ENOUGH!

WHERE ARE YOU HIDING, COWARD?!

COWARD? HARDLY.

I'M NOT THE ONE WHO'S SKULKED WHO KNOWS WHERE IN UTTER FEAR FOR TEN YEARS, AFTER ALL.

WHICH ONE ARE YOU, BY THE WAY? YOU FILTHY MONSTERS ALL LOOK THE SAME TO ME... DEAD OR ALIVE.

SIXTEEN YEARS. IT'S BEEN SIXTEEN YEARS SINCE YOU KILLED MY FAMILY.

HAS IT? MY, IT'S AS THEY SAY--TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN.

WHATEVER.

ALL I KNOW IS THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING.

AND ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW IS I'M THE ONE WHO'S GONNA FINISH IT.

THE LAST OF THE OROKU BLOODLINE ENDS TONIGHT. YOU...

...AND YOUR MOTHER.

SAYS THE WORTHLESS RONIN WHO COULDN'T SAVE HIS OWN MASTER.

THE MUTANT MONSTROSITY PLAYING AT FAMILY HONOR, ALL FOR A PRETEND FAMILY WITH NO TRUE BLOODLINE TO SPEAK OF.

YOU'RE WRONG. OUR BLOODLINE IS THE SHARED MUTAGEN THAT RUNS THROUGH OUR VEINS.

MY MASTER... MY FATHER. MY BROTHERS. YOUR FAMILY TOOK THEM ALL AWAY FROM ME.

AND NOW YOUR FAMILY WILL DIE.

IS THAT SO?

IN TRUTH, I ALWAYS *HATED* HER. SHE LEFT ME AS A CHILD AND NEVER RETURNED.

I ONLY KEPT HER ALIVE OUT OF SPITE.

LOST AND ALONE IN HER COFFIN WHILE I CONQUERED.

SHIKK

WHILE I *THRIVED!*

KABAS

AT LEAST *SHE* HAD HONOR.

YOU READY?

READY?

WELL, I CERTAINLY DIDN'T GET ALL *DRESSED UP* FOR NO REASON.

LET US BEGIN THE END.

SHIKK

HAI!

HIS ARMOR...

...LIKE LIQUID METAL HE CAN MANIPULATE.

FWUMP

SOME KIND OF NANO-CARBIDE--

--HE CAN MAKE IT SOLID IN ORDER TO STRIKE WITH HIS FISTS AND BLADES.

HUPP!

NEED TO STEER CLEAR OF ***THOSE***.

BOOM

FIRES ARE GETTING BIGGER. HARD TO BREATHE IN ALL THIS TOXIC SMOKE.

TIME FOR YOU TO ***DIE***, HELL SPAWN!

HIROTO'S ***ANGER'S*** GROWING, TOO. BETTER USE THAT TO MY ADVANTAGE.

STOKE THE FLAMES.

YOU ***FIRST***, MAMA'S BOY.

RAGGH!

SHAKA BOOMM

HEY! ROCK BOTTOM'S REPORTING AN EXPLOSION IN HIROTO'S TOWER!

WHAT? SERIOUSLY?

LOTTA GOOD THAT DOES US IF WE ALL DROWN DOWN HERE.

WE GOTTA GET TO THE MAIN PUMPS DOWNTOWN-- FAST!

DAMMIT, SENSEI...

"...WHY DIDN'T YOU WAIT FOR ME?"

WASN'T EXPECTING THAT.

HIROTO'S MAGIC ARMOR, EITHER.

INCLINE SHOULD SLOW OUR FALL.

STILL A LONG WAY DOWN, THOUGH.

BEEN THERE. DONE THAT.

NOT THAT HIROTO CARES.

IDIOT'S FIGHTING ME THE WHOLE WAY.

SKSSSGH

GOT HIM TO TAKE THE FULL FORCE OF THAT...

...AND STILL BARELY A SCRATCH ON HIM.

I REALLY NEED TO FIND A ***WEAK SPOT*** IN HIS ARMOR.

KARASH

OH MAN! THE WHOLE ***TOWER'S*** GOIN' UP! I NEED TO GO HELP SENSEI.

IT'S TOO LATE FOR ***THAT***, CASEY!

WE GOTTA GET TO ***MRS. JONES*** AND HELP HER FIND A WAY TO STOP THIS FLOODING OR WE WON'T HAVE ANYONE LEFT TO HELP ***US!***

COMMS ARE COMING BACK ONLINE.

AND MY MOM?

STILL NO WORD.

OKAY, JUST...

"...KEEP TRYING."

THIS...

...THIS IS GONNA HURT.

A LOT.

KRASHH

WHOOSH

NOTHING BROKEN... I THINK. AT LEAST NOTHING IMPORTANT.

THAT WATER TOWER WAS A GIFT.

FOR **BOTH** OF US, UNFORTUNATELY.

C'MON, HIROTO...

...SHOW ME A FLAW.

THERE!

WHAT'S THIS? A SCRATCH. AND I ONLY *RECENTLY* HAD THIS POLISHED.

NO MATTER.

OR MAYBE NOT.

NOW... WHERE *WERE* WE?

SHIKK

THE ARMOR IS SELF-REPAIRING.

GONNA HAVE TO FIND A WORKAROUND.

YOU WERE ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING *STUPID*.

REALLY?

WE SHALL SEE!

SPANG

DAMN--THAT WAS TOO CLOSE.

TALK ABOUT STUPID, MIKE.

WE'RE STILL NOT ABLE TO GET ANY OF THE ***SUBSYSTEM PUMPS*** ONLINE, AND--

AND STILL ***NO*** WORD FROM MY MOM. I KNOW.

OKAY, THERE'S NO OTHER OPTION. I GOTTA GET TO THE OLD MAIN PUMPS AND SEE IF I CAN ***OPEN*** THEM SOMEHOW... AND THEN ***FIND*** MY MOM.

THE WATER'S RISING TOO FAST. ***NO WAY*** YOU CAN MAKE IT THERE IN TIME.

I CAN IF I GO ***UNDERWATER.***

YOU GUYS KEEP THINGS MOVIN' HERE. GET AS MANY PEOPLE ***OUT*** AS YOU CAN.

ROGER THAT.

TAKE THIS--IT'S WATERPROOF. LET US KNOW WHEN YOU GET THERE SAFELY.

YOU ***HEARD*** HER, PEOPLE! LET'S GET MOVING!

I'M SORRY, SENSEI, BUT I CAN'T LEAVE MOM HANGING. I CAN'T LET THESE PEOPLE DIE.

YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.

JUST LIKE YOU ***WANTED.***

HE'S KEEPING THE PRESSURE ON.

RELENTLESS.

NEED TO KEEP MY DISTANCE.

SLSH

CAN'T KEEP THIS UP FOREVER.

HE KNOWS I'M HURT.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIME TO STRIKE.

THAT FALL DID MORE DAMAGE THAN I THOUGHT.

SPAK

I'M PRACTICALLY MOVING AT HALF SPEED, AND HE KNOWS IT.

CHOK

SHLIP

HE'S TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE.

TIME TO CHANGE THINGS UP.

NEED TO *MAKE* A WEAK SPOT.

COME THEN, MUTANT! WHERE'S YOUR BRAVADO *NOW*, HM?

YOUR PRECIOUS *HONOR*?!

...TO GIVE ME A SHOT.

AAGH!

SNHK

WHUMP

THIS SHOULD STICK JUST LONG ENOUGH...

A GIFT FROM *RAPHAEL!*

IS THAT YOUR *VERY BEST*, MUTANT, HM?

POKING, PRODDING, SCRATCHING?

ME?

KRAKACHOOOOOMMM

I WILL *BREAK* YOU!

SNAP

NO... MY TOWER...

...IMPOSSIBLE.

MORE LIKE PERFECT TIMING.

FIRST RULE OF MARTIAL ARTS...

PONK

...NEVER TAKE YOUR EYES *OFF* YOUR OPPONENT.

LUNGS ON FIRE. NEED TO FIND AN AIR POCKET--FAST.

STRONG AS I AM, I AIN'T A MUTANT FISH.

WAIT! IS THAT--

MOM?!

BLEECKER ST

SULLIVAN ST

J&J

KURUMP

YOU'RE ON *HALLOWED GROUND* NOW, CHUMP.

HRRGK!

SHLIP

AND YOUR FANCY ARMOR'S *BUSTED.*

GNNGG...

SHNPP

THIS ONE'S COURTESY OF *LEONARDO!*

FINE... *NNF...* I YIELD.

YOU... GRK... YOU *WIN!*

KABOOM

RUMBLE

SCHRAK

"YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU, HIROTO?

THERE'S NO WIN OR LOSE TODAY.

ONLY AN *END.*

YOU'RE RIGHT.

SHIKK

THIS *IS* AN ENDING, MUTANT!

STUPID, COCKY FOOL.

GUHH...

YOURS!

OLDEST TRICK IN THE BOOK...

...AND I *FELL* FOR IT.

NEED TO REGROUP.

TRAKK

NEED SOME SPACE.

DONATELLO SEND HIS REGARDS!

NEED TO STOP THE BLEEDING.

NEED TO CATCH MY *BREATH.*

AIR! THANK YOU, MOM!

RRRUMB

NOW WHAT?!

I SHOULDN'T BE THE ONLY ONE BLEEDING OUT.

THE CUTS FROM RAPH'S SAI... LEO'S SWORD--

--HIS ARMOR'S *SEALED* 'EM SOMEHOW.

SO, CRAVENLY RUNNING AWAY TO HIDE IN THE SEWERS?

WHY AM I *NOT* SURPRISED?

SPLISH

YEAH?

WHO'S RUNNING?

WHO'S HIDING?!

SPANGG

ROCKS FALLIN' EVERYWHERE.

KNCH

GOTTA PROTECT MOM--

--BUY HER MORE TIME.

WHUP

MMF!

ZIRRKK

KACHAK

WHIRRRRRR

HIS ARMOR... FAILING HIM.

FWAP

GOTTA FINISH THIS--

KRAK

--BEFORE MY BODY FAILS *ME*.

NO!

ROARRRRR

ROARRRRR

WHOOOSH

=KOFF= =KOFF=

IT'S OKAY, CASEY... JUST **BREATHE**. I'M HERE. I'VE **GOT** YOU.

AND NOT THAT I DON'T APPRECIATE THE ASSIST, BUT WHAT THE **HECK** WERE YOU THINKING, KIDDO?

I... =KOFF= I KNEW I HAD TO DO SOMETHING WHEN... WHEN WE DIDN'T **HEAR** FROM YOU.

I JUST... I'M SO HAPPY I **FOUND** YOU, MOM.

IF I'D **LOST** YOU... IF YOU DIDN'T GET THE PUMPS WORKING...

HEY, THAT'S WHAT I DO, RIGHT? **FIX** UP OLD, BROKEN THINGS.

SPEAKING OF, HE HAS NO CLUE, BUT I INJECTED A **TRACKER** INTO MIKEY WHEN I DREW HIS BLOOD.

I MEANT TO TELL YOU BEFORE, BUT YOU KINDA **TOOK OFF** ON ME.

IT'S TRANSMITTING ON THE STANDARD RESISTANCE FREQUENCY, BUT MY **RADIO'S** IN THE BATTLE WAGON SO--

I'VE **GOT** A RADIO!

I'LL **FIND** HIM!

AND I'LL BE RIGHT **BEHIND** YOU...

"...JUST **BE CAREFUL!**"

FOOOSH

HEAD'S SPINNING. GUT'S LEAKING.

CAN BARELY STAND.

YOU WILL **NOT** SURVIVE THIS, MUTANT!

I CANNOT BE **DEFEATED!**

HE'S RIGHT. THIS WHOLE THING'S BEEN A ONE-WAY TICKET...

...BUT I'M NOT TAKING THAT TRIP ***ALONE.***

YOU'RE ***WRONG,*** HIROTO.

WHMP

I'M GONNA ***BURY*** YOU HERE.

KRAK

THIS MUDHOLE WILL BE YOUR ***GRAVE.***

FWUD

BROKEN AND ***ALONE*** OUTSIDE THE CITY YOU TRIED TO DESTROY.

FORGOTTEN... ***FOREVER.***

NO... YOU... ***YOU'RE*** WRONG.

I... AM ***GOD.***

I AM...

...***IMMORTAL!***

ZZZT

GAHHH!

ZZZAT

HA HA HA HA!

HAHAHAH

SPLISH

HEH.

SOME GOD.

NNNGG...

UNNFF!

SENSEI!

I'M *HERE*, SENSEI!

IT'S ME...

...CASEY.

NO.

NO! YOU'RE NOT ***LEAVIN'*** ME! YOU ***CAN'T!*** I...

...I BROUGHT THE ***JOURNAL***... SEE?

YOU WERE GONNA ***TEACH*** ME--YOU ***PROMISED.***

IT'S ***NOT*** FAIR! IT'S--

I'M... SORRY, CASEY. IT WAS... MY DUTY.

=KOFF=

MY... DESTINY. FOR MY FAMILY.

BUT... ***I'M*** YOUR FAMILY NOW.

YES. YOU... YOUR MOM...

...ALWAYS.

MY FATHER'S JOURNAL... LEFT IT FOR YOU...

=KOFF=

IT WILL TEACH YOU... ALL HE KNEW.

BUT LAST LESSON... IS MINE. MOST...

...MOST ***IMPORTANT*** OF ALL...

KNOW PEACE.

CASEY!

OH MY GOD, ***CASEY!*** ARE YOU...

...OKAY?

OH, MIKEY...

...GOODBYE, MY SWEET FRIEND.

MIKEY! WAKE UP ALREADY! GEEZ!

YOU GONNA SLEEP ALL DAY OR WHAT?

LONGEST NAP EVER, BRO!

HURRY UP! IT FINALLY STOPPED RAINING.

WHA... HUH?

YEAH. WE'RE HEADIN' TOPSIDE FOR SOME FRESH AIR.

AND TRAINING.

COME ON, WE'RE ALREADY BEHIND SCHEDULE!

YEAH, SLEEPYHEAD... GET YOUR LAZY BUTT MOVIN'!

LAST ONE OUT GETS TO DO THE DISHES FOR A WEEK!

WAIT, I...

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE OUR WINNER!

HA! DON'T YOU MEAN LOSER, LEO?

HEY! NO FAIR!

I WASN'T READY!

YOU GUYS TOTALLY CHEATED!

LOSER SAYS "WHAT?"

I'LL SHOW **YOU** I'M NOT A LOSER!

ONLY A **LOSER** WOULD SAY THAT!

HE'S RIGHT. LOOK IT UP.

YOU'RE **ALL** LOSERS!

YOU WOULD **KNOW**, DON!

PHEW!

SO MUCH FOR FRESH AIR--SMELLS LIKE MIKE CUT THE CHEESE!

DID NOT!

YO! GOTTA SIDE WITH **MIKEY** ON THIS ONE, RAPH.

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY...

IXIX

...WHOEVER SMELT IT, **DEALT** IT!

CASEY!

WELL, I CANNOT SPEAK TO RAPHAEL'S FLATULENCE...

FATHER!

...BUT NEW YORK CITY **INDEED** HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE ODOR.

YEAH. IT DOES.

SMELLS LIKE...

...**HOME.**

THE END.

EPILOGUE.

HI-YAH!

FWAK

WHOMP

HEH.

NOT TOO SHABBY, CASEY.

I WISH YOU WERE HERE STILL...

...TO SEE HOW FAR I'VE COME.

FWUP

BUT I'LL KEEP TRAININ'.

I'LL KEEP LEARNIN'.

I'LL KEEP GETTIN' BETTER, SENSEI...

I *WON'T* LET YOU DOWN.

HEY, MOM!

MM-HM...

HOW'RE THE *TESTS* LOOKIN'?

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT, ACTUALLY.

LOTS *MORE* TO GET DONE, THOUGH.

HEH. WHAT'S NEW?

SO... WHAT'RE WE *EATIN'* TODAY?

GET WHAT YOU WANT, KIDDO. I'M NOT HUNGRY.

WASN'T TALKIN' TO *YOU.*

HEY, THERE...

HURRY UP AND **GROW** ALREADY...

...I'VE GOT SO MUCH COOL STUFF TO **TEACH** YOU.

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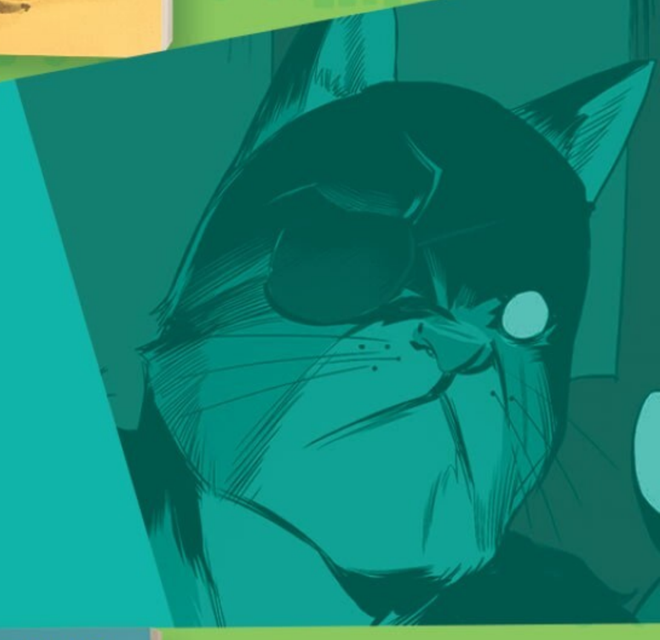

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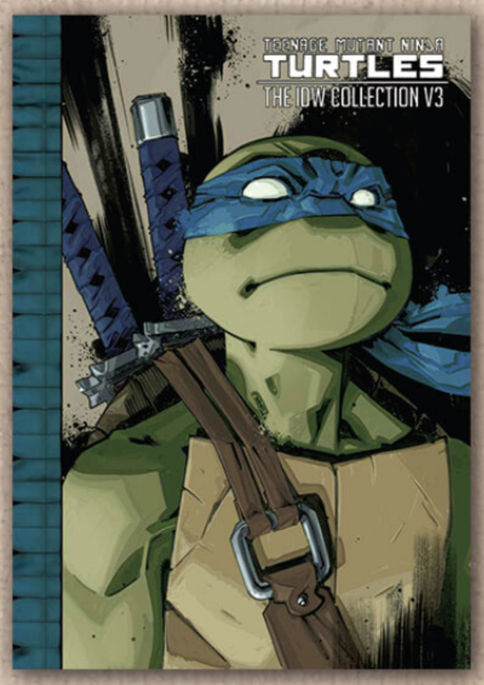

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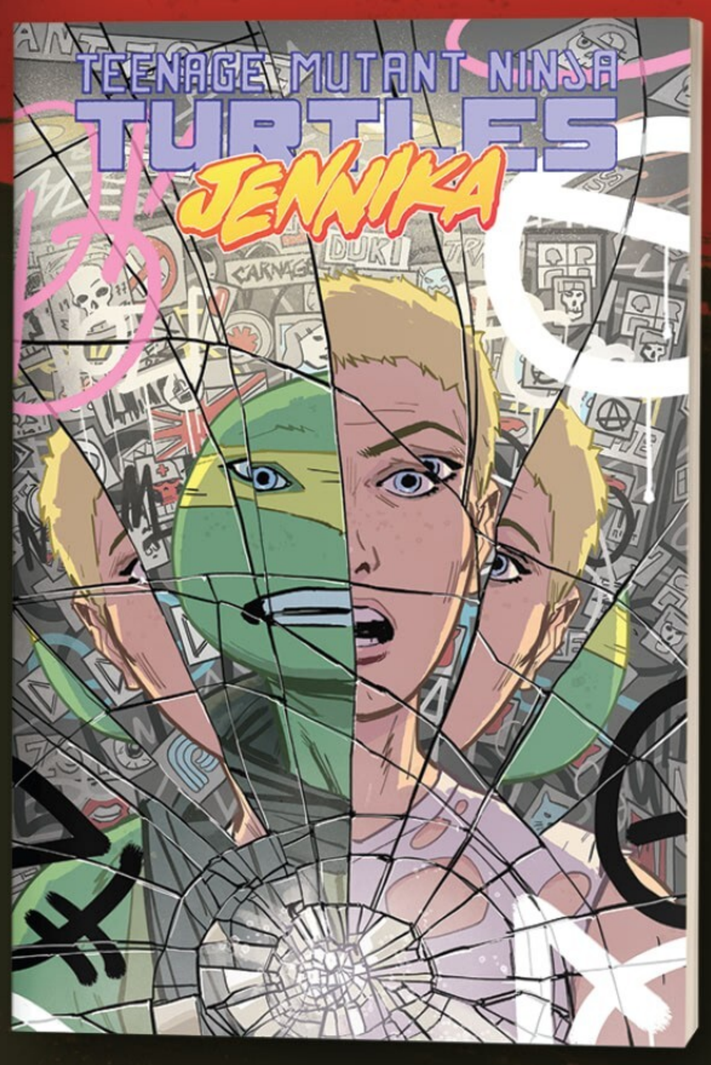

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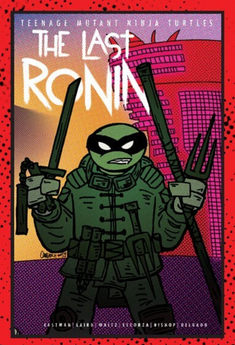

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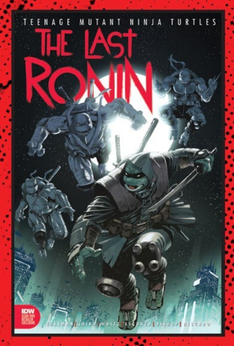

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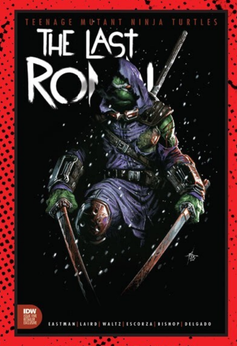

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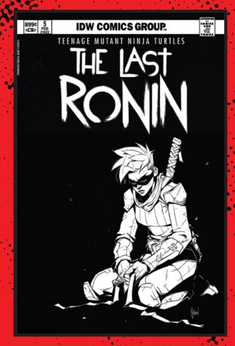

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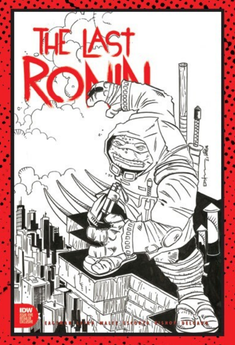

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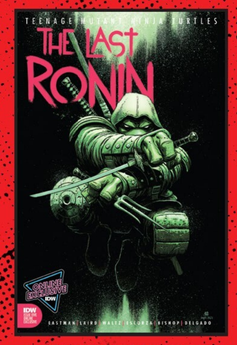

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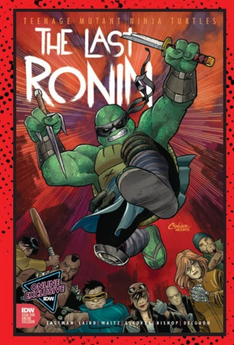

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